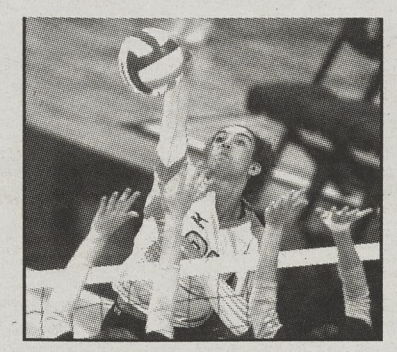
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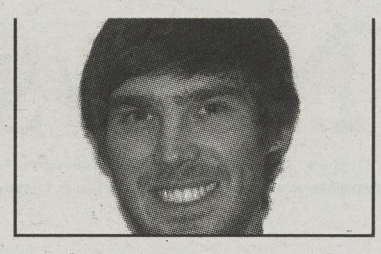
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CSULB student earns $6,000 award

The CSU Board of Trustees honored Lita Cahuana Tuesday.

By Amy Patton
Contributing Writer

Emigrating from Peru when she was six years old, Cal State Long Beach senior chemical engineer major Lita Cahuana struggled with English at a young age.

"When I came here, the only English I knew was how to count to 10 and the word 'banana.'" Cahuana said. "So I had a difficult time with English classes in school. Math though, two plus two will equal four anywhere in the world."

The 2014 California State University Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement Scholarship honored Cahuana at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday.

"The compelling life stories of these extraordinary student scholars are a testament to the transformative power of public higher education," CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White said in a press release.

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Students chicken out

The youth-oriented branch of PETA, peta2, brought a virtual reality simulator dubbed "I, Chicken" to the second floor of the USU on Tuesday. "That got dark fast," said Eric James, sophomore English major, who volunteered to take part in the experiment.

International students still struggle to get classes

Over 350 international students are studying abroad at Cal State Long Beach this fall.

By Amy Patton
Contributing Writer



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International House, popularly known as "I House" is the home of many international students that live on campus.

Although communication between colleges and international students has improved at Cal State Long Beach, professors are still having difficulty accommodating the large influx of international students.

Matriculated students like computer science graduate students Varun Krishna and Harshith Murthy found themselves hopping class to class, searching for open spaces.

"We still had zero classes on the first day of school and had to request each of our professors to enroll us," Murthy said.

"We got two or three classes, but they're not the ones we want," Krishna said.

Associate Dean and Executive Director for International Programs in the College of Continuing and Professional Education Terrence Graham sent out an email to the associate deans of each college on Aug. 15 detailing how to work with the students in each of the three international student programs — degree-seeking graduates and undergraduates, exchange students and study abroad students.

English language junior, Shu-Tan Hsiao, who is a part of the study abroad program, had mixed feelings about class registration.

"The difficulty really depended on each professor," Hsiao said.

She said she was able to get all of her classes eventually, but said that it was an inconvenience to have to wait until the first day of school to sign up for classes.

This semester there are 353 study abroad students attending CSULB, whereas last year there were only 187, Graham said via email. In order to help with this large influx of non-matriculated international students, a team of three headed by Associate Director Christopher Mefford was created. Mefford declined to comment.

In previous years, some international students found that by the time they were able to enroll in classes, many of them were already full. This summer Graham said he worked closely with the College of Liberal Arts and College of Engineering, in order to ensure that, this fall, students still find spaces in the their classes of interest.

Chemical engineering student Quang Ly, who is a matriculated transfer student, found that when he registered for classes online in August, he had no problem enrolling in classes.

"I got my 12 units, but my schedule is not flexible," Ly said.

By anticipating where high demand would be, Graham said he was able to work with COE and CLA to keep half-filled sections, such as an American studies class and some engineering sections open, rather than collapsing them. This way, he said, the classes would be there for international students and/or regular CSULB students alike.

"This semester went much better compared to previous years," chair of the Computer Engineering & Computer Science Department Burkhard Englert said.

Each engineering department held an orientation meeting the week before school started so they could work with international in the engineering college one-on-one. This way each student's transcripts could be evaluated, and class enrollment could be decided from there.

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CRIME BLOTTER

By Emily Rasmussen
Contributing Writer

Black Acura stolen from Parking Structure 3

A 2006 black, two-door Acura was reported stolen from Parking Structure 3 on Aug. 26 sometime between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., when it was parked when the owner returned, University Police Lt. Richard Goodwin said.

The car had "distinguishing characteristics like polished Enkei wheels," Goodwin said. Enkei wheels is a leading custom wheel manufacturer best known for their high quality lightweight racing wheels," according to their website.

The vehicle has not been recovered and the report was given to investigators for follow up, Goodwin said.

Grand Theft of MacBook Air

A woman reported that her MacBook Air was stolen when she left it unattended in Room 125 of Peterson Hall 1 building on Sept. 2 at 4:45 p.m., Goodwin said.

The woman reported that when she returned the computer was gone, Goodwin said. The computer was equipped with a tracking app that showed the perpetrator had logged onto the campus network from the Family and Consumer Science building about an hour before, he said.

Goodwin said that the MacBook Air was valued at $1,200. There is no suspect information available, he said. Goodwin said that "it only takes a minute" be a victim of theft.



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Parking lot 3 is located on the far northeast corner of campus.

'Whore' keyed on car hood

University Police responded to a report of a grey 2007 Mazda6 keyed with the word "whore" on the hood in Parking Structure 3 on Aug. 27 and reported at 3:34 pm, Goodwin said.

The vehicle was brought over to the University Police Department so a report could be filed, Goodwin said. There are no suspects at this time, he said.

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Cahuana is one of 23 CSU students to win this scholarship, and she is the only student from CSULB. This scholarship is awarded to students who, not only excel academically, but have also overcome great barriers to pursue their college degree. This award is of the highest student distinctions one can receive from the CSU Board of Trustees.

"These students have overcome tremendous hardships, and this is just our way of honoring them," CSU spokeswoman Stephanie Thara said.

When Cahuana applied for the scholarship, she was not sure what her chances of winning the award would be. She said that the previous recipient from CSULB had been a graduate student. This year the scholarship focused on science, technology, engineering and math majors though, and she felt she had a shot.

On top of her chemical engineering major, Cahuana is minoring in chemistry and environmental engineering. She is the vice president and outreach chair of the Society of Women Engineers as well as the internal vice president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Cahuana said she feels that, because of the support and help that the engineering department has provided her this far in her journey, she in turn should give back to the engineering community at CSULB.

Cahuana was unable to qualify for any financial aid when she first started college in fall 2011. Because of her high school academic achievement as valedictorian, she was offered a spot as a Presidential Scholar, in which she would not have to pay for her four-year degree. However, in order to achieve everything that she wanted while attending CSULB, she needed the Trustees award to subsidize one more year at CSULB.

Recipients of this award can receive anywhere from $6,000 to $12,000. A CSU Foundation committee looks at each applicant individually and decides how much he or she will receive based on financial struggle, academia, and hardships, according to the press release. Cahuana was awarded $6,000; she received half at the start of fall semester and will receive the other half in spring.

"When I told my parents they wouldn't have to pay for anything, they were ecstatic," Cahuana said. "They've always been very supportive of my education."

The Trustees award is funded by donations from Alumni and outside companies, according to the press release. This year, the donations were the largest they had ever been, allowing the board to award more students than ever before. CSU Board of Trustees has honored 296 recipients since the award was founded in 1984.

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Expect a Job?
What your Teachers will not tell you
Dr. George A. Kuck (galbertk@aol.com)

California is overwhelmingly controlled by Democrats. They have had a majority in the state house and senate and most of the executive positions for the past 20 years. The result? California has the highest number (8.8 million) and the highest percentage (23.5 percent) living in poverty. Not a good record for a party that claims it is for the common man. Why is this? We have the worst business climate of any state for the tenth year in a row as reported by The Chief Executive Officer Magazine 2014 survey. Tesla is building its battery plant in Nevada and Toyota moved its headquarters to Texas. The Democrat legislature is so focused on regulating business and redistributing wealth it forgot that you can only redistribute the wealth that you have. My son, a small businessman, is discouraged at the regulation that keeps him from growing his business. My granddaughter moved to Colorado to start her business. Vote Democrat if you want California to continue to decline. Vote Republican if you want a job after you graduate.

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Alumnus gives back through teaching

David Stout returned to Cal State Long Beach to teach mechanical and aerospace engineering.

By William Hernandez
Contributing Writer

Every morning, Cal State Long Beach engineering professor David Stout walks from the University Library, to his office on the sixth floor of the Vivian Engineering Center.

For 30-year-old Stout, blending in with students at CSULB with his laid-back attitude, is an easy process. But getting used to his new role as a professor might be easier said than done

"It's actually a funny story because last week I was walking through the Central Quad during the 'Week of Welcome' events, and two fraternities asked me to 'rush'," Stout said. "I was like, I'm faculty now, bro."

Stout was born in Long Beach, and he returned to CSULB this year to fill his new position as a professor. He earned an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from CSULB in 2010.

During his undergraduate days at The Beach, Stout attracted some status.

In 2008, he submitted an application for the Undergraduate Student Research Program at NASA's launch facility in Wallops Island, Virginia.

"For whatever reason, a faculty member who still works here, named professor Hsun-Hu Chen, came up to me and said that I should apply for this research project," Stout said. "Two weeks later, I got an email from NASA saying I was selected."

Stout spent a semester working for NASA during the program. There, he said he realized that NASA wasn't for him.

"It was a wonderful experience, and I had a bunch of wonderful mentors," Stout said. "But I'm a simple man, and deep down inside, that's not what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

With the guidance from current College of Engineering Dean Forouzan Golshani, Stout pursued his interest in research and decided to pursue a doctorate degree.

"Dean Golshani pushed me to get my Ph.D., because it would teach me how to do research," Stout said. "It teaches you how to become an expert in your particular field."

While presenting his research circuit, a project that he used for his application to graduate school, Stout met an important person named Thomas Webster from Brown University. Webster invited Stout to a research program at Brown.

"At first I had never even heard of Brown or knew where it was at. But once the program ended, [Webster] asked me if I wanted to get my Ph.D.," Stout said.

Stout graduated from Brown last spring with a doctorate in biomedical engineering.

His students say his easy-going demeanor and desire for his field gives students a unique and fun learning experience.

Stacie Quoi, a civil engineering major who is taking Stout's analytical mechanical dynamics class, said Stout creates an open relationship between the student and professor.

"He makes it fun and energetic and wants us to learn. I'm not afraid to ask questions, which makes me feel like I can be involved," Quoi said. "He's really good at giving us information on materials, so we can understand those."

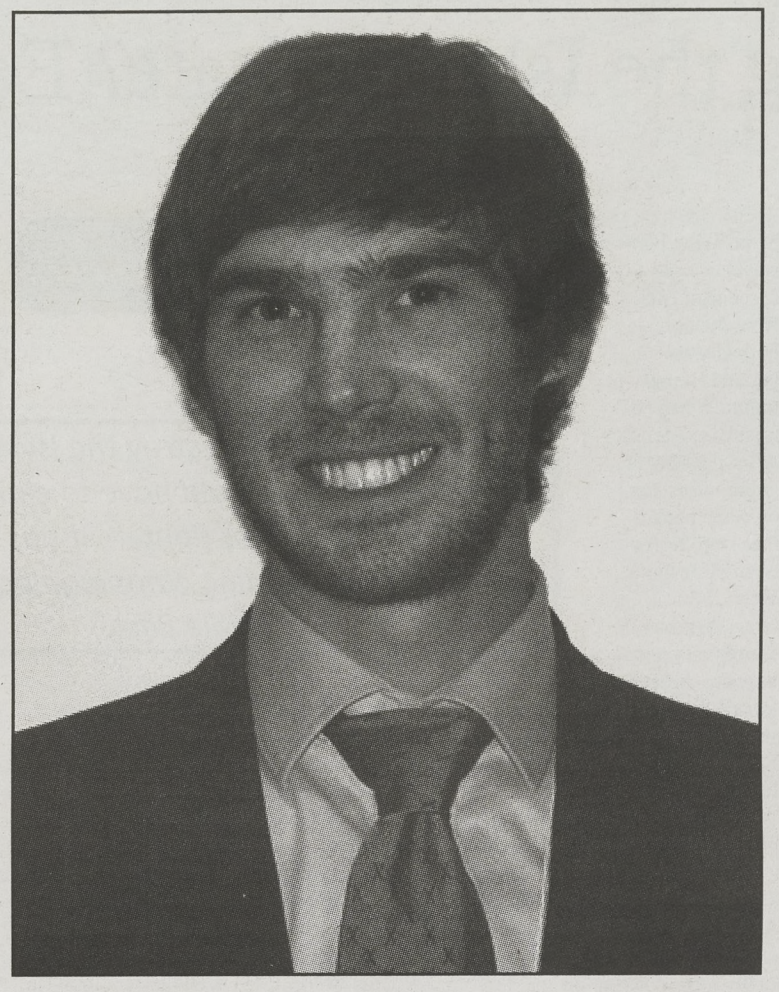
But speaking to his former professors as colleagues, still might take some getting used to.

"[Chen] and I still talk, but now she tells me, 'don't call me 'Chen' anymore, we're pals,'" Stout said.

Stout's established credibility and relationship among his former professors ultimately guided him towards the position he holds today.

On the first day of school, Stout told his students that he once sat in their seats.

"I told them that 'if I did it, they can do it,'" Stout said.



Courtesy of David Stout

Stout earned an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from CSULB in 2010, and he has returned as faculty.

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> ***— David Stout, Engineering professor***

International

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Although enrollment may have gone better for some of the COE faculty, Murthy still said that class registration went "very badly."

"There are too many new international students trying to get into the same limited number of classes," Murthy said.

Chair of the Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures Department Markus Muller said that, although the communication between the International Education office and the colleges was useful in aiding the study abroad students, there are still only a certain number of seats in each class. Muller said he believes that even better communication needs to be made.

Muller recalled an instance two weeks ago in which a study abroad student was told of an open space in "French 101A," and by the time this student arrived to enroll in the class, "six other international students showed up, looking for the same spot," Muller said.

Muller said that this kind of miscommunication makes the students irate and that he understands their frustration. He said he wants to see more "proactivity."

"I think we have the means to poll [to see what was the need for the study abroad] students prior to the school year to discuss their individual needs... so that when they arrive, there is availability in the classes they need," Muller said.

Graham said that although class enrollment went much better this year, they want to continue to improve. Graham is considering moving international students' "class wish list" deadline up sooner and increasing communication with international students' home campuses about expectations.

"We also need to ask students more questions. We need a finer-grained approach," Graham said.

KBEACH remembers 9/11

By Amy Patton
Contributing Writer

KBEACH Radio (88.1) talk show "32 Degrees of Insanity" will debut "9/11 Truth" on Sept. 11. The new host, psychology senior Donny Gilson, will welcome guest speaker Alfred Lambremont Webre III of Exopitics.tv. The show will air from 9pm-11pm and will cover "information about 9/11 never talked about before by the mainstream media," Gilson said. "32 Degrees of Insanity" first aired on KBEACH Radio on Sept. 4, 2014. The show revolves around Gilson "debunking" popular conspiracy theories. Gilson is a member of the Knights Templar and 32nd Degree Masons.

Corrections

- In the Sept. 8 issue of the Daily 49er, a photo on page one should have identified the CSULB martial arts tricking club.
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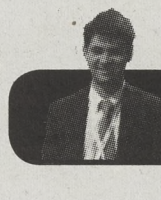
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Defeating the Islamic State? Easier said than done



HUNTER PAUL
Opinions Editor

The White House announced that this coming Wednesday, President Barack Obama will address the nation and discuss the threat that ISIS poses to the United States and her allies abroad; additionally, he will outline America's overarching strategy for "degrading and ultimately destroying" this terrorist organization, which conquered a broad swath of territory across Iraq and Syria and savagely beheaded two American journalists. Despite Obama's overdue, tough-sounding rhetoric, a deeply discomforting truth lies under the surface: the Islamic State is here, and it's here to stay.

If we look at the historical examples in recent years of countries trying to destroy terrorist organizations, it becomes immediately apparent that containing and disrupting terrorist organizations, as opposed to ultimately "destroying" them, is the only goal that can be realistically achieved.

For example, Israel has repeatedly launched ground incursions into both Lebanon and Gaza to combat the terrorist groups known as Hezbollah and Hamas respectively. Despite large-scale military engagements, in which Israel pummeled these territories by utilizing boots on the ground in addition to strikes from the air and bombardments from the sea, both Hezbollah and Hamas remain a bane of Israel's existence. After decades of going toe-to-toe military with these two terrorist organizations, both Hezbollah and Hamas continue to pose a severe threat to Israel's national security, as the latest bout between Israel and Hamas proved last summer.

Following the catastrophic events of 9/11, America responded with a massive ground and air campaign against the Taliban and Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and Iraq. Although our extensive counterterrorism operations in the Levant and in the neighboring countries of Yemen and Pakistan severely degraded the capabilities of these organizations, they are by no means destroyed. Indeed, al-Qaeda continues to proliferate in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Africa.

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In order to actually destroy the Islamic State, the United States would have to eliminate the tens of thousands of fighters it has acquired during its marauding campaign across the Middle East. Our forces, or any others that we could cobble together from regional allies, would have to neutralize ISIS' headquarters in Syria, a much-needed step that Obama has adamantly dismissed. The Islamic State's access to massive amounts of oil revenue, critical infrastructure and the general difficulty in combatting an ideology will prevent the United States from eradicating this barbaric terrorist organization.

Additionally, statements made by high-ranking officials such as Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and General Martin Dempsey demonstrate that Obama's use of the word "destroy" is merely a tool to save Obama's free-falling political legitimacy as opposed to a practical strategy.

In response to a question on Aug. 21 from reporters about how the capabilities of ISIS compare to those of al-Qaeda prior to 9/11, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel characterized the Islamic State as a threat even worse than Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda, circa 2001. The group "is as sophisticated and well-funded as any group that we have seen. They're beyond just a terrorist group," Hagel said, adding that, "They marry ideology, a sophistication of strategic and tactical military prowess. They're tremendously well-funded. This is beyond anything that we've seen."

If the Obama administration truly plans "destroy" the Islamic State, then it must dramatically increase the airstrike operations in Iraq while also expanding the theatre of war to include ISIS' headquarters in Syria. The measure of destroying an enemy organization is whether its military capabilities are entirely eliminated, Christopher Harmer, a former U.S. Navy officer and an analyst with the Institute for the Study of War said.

"If you use the word 'destroy,' you're talking about a comprehensive military and political victory," Harmer continued. "If the mission is to destroy [the Islamic State], what we're doing now is wholly inadequate."

If our decade-long, ground campaign in Iraq and Afghanistan against the Taliban and al-Qaeda failed to completely destroy these terrorist organizations, then this administration's pin-prick airstrikes against the Islamic State, and any other limited counterterrorism operations that we decide to engage in, will have even less success. Thus, we cannot take this administration seriously when it says it will "destroy" the Islamic State, even if it manages to develop a coalition of armed forces with regional allies.



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Is Cloud Memory Safe?

MARA FELICIANO
Contributing Writer

What is cloud memory? As a proud owner of a Samsung Note 3, my pictures, videos, music and Internet searches are all automatically duplicated to a mystical place called "Google Cloud." The idea of cloud memory is to allow you, the consumer, to be able to back-up the information on your phone; this could be a lifesaver in the event that you lose it, break it or simply purchase a new one. However, the alleged leaks of highly compromising photos from many A-list actresses demonstrate that the security of iCloud is highly questionable.

When I bought my cellphone, it came equipped with this technology. It's incredibly user-friendly; whenever I upgrade my phone, I simply put in my Verizon username and password, and like magic, the information from my old phone is automatically transferred to the new one.

This is because of cloud memory.

Ideally, if you take a picture with your cellphone and delete it, the image is supposed to be deleted from cloud storage. Unfortunately, technology doesn't always work as smoothly as that.

With the recent iCloud controversy concerning celebrities, the hacking of the iCloud technology is how hackers were able to obtain the risqué photos of celebrities such as Jennifer Lawrence, Kate Upton and Kirsten Dunst.

When a particular piece of information is about to be backed up, it goes to the owner's respective cloud memory; for Apple-product users, this is iCloud.

The information is then digitally transported to an actual, physical location: a data center.

In this data center, the data is stored in a physical hardware memory box (called a data storage) where it is heavily guarded by virtual, online firewalls and real-life, physical security.

Think of the Netflix series House of Cards. In season 2, Lucas enters a data center with a flash drive—as soon as he attempts to even stick the device into one of the servers to download a virus, he is quickly detained by dozens of security officials.

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The security personnel in these data centers are very protective of their servers because the data that is stored within them are worth billions, if not trillions of dollars. Not only are various companies paying a fortune to store data in these data centers, but the information that it houses is a potential goldmine for hackers.

In short, yes, cloud memory is safe, if the system runs properly at all times. Think of it as a giant clock: for the clock to work flawlessly, all other parts must run without a hitch—if not, the clock will be defective. Just like cloud memory, everything from user set-up, software, hardware and security needs to be properly running for the backup to work.

In this technological age, we must assume that everything we do online is being traced and documented.

The best thing you can do to protect yourself is to either turn off your phone's cloud memory services (sometimes, it automatically backs information up somewhere without your knowledge), or to limit your searches and refrain from taking potentially compromising photos.

Cloud memory does not normally expose the average person to such public shaming, but we all must still be cautious about what we upload. There are plenty of people out there who make it a game or a business to hack into people's phones and computers. Don't allow yourself to become a victim.



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Picture this differently

Cal State Long beach student showcases his unconventional take on photography.

By Nicole Arevalo
Contributing Writer

With his Nikon D800, Jesse Lubben begins his process by going on a journey, the adventures often vary from hiking in the mountains to visiting unfamiliar cities.

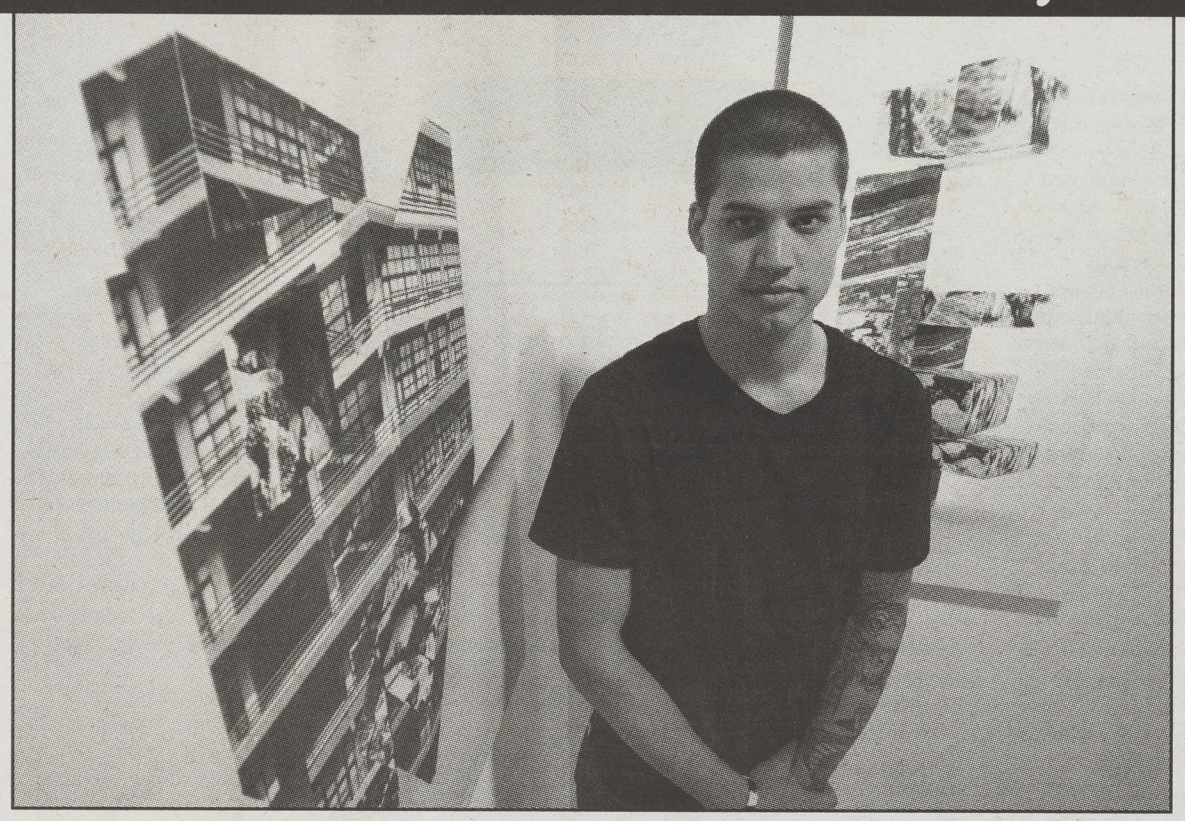
For the first time his artwork is on display as a solo artist at a photo exhibition called "Photosomatic," which is on display in the Dr. Maxine Merlino Gallery at Cal State Long Beach.

Lubben, 26, is a senior Fine Arts major with a specialty in photography and has been a student at CSULB for two and a half years.

The La Verne native decided to pursue art with the support of his parents, who are artists.

Lubben creates his images by cutting, folding and sculpting photographic prints from his, which he then re-photographs, sometimes repeating the process several times.

Occasionally, he will draw designs on the back of the photo and distort it into a new compensation to finish his masterpiece. He also designs 3D models on his computer as a reference to how he wants to shape or create something.



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Jessie Lubben, fine arts major, stands in the gallery of his work inspired by his recent study abroad travels to China. Lubben's unique style of photography can been seen in the Dr. Maxine Merlino Gallery Wednesday and Thursday from 12-5p.m.

He said his biggest influence is American anthropologist, philosopher and natural science writer Loren Eiseley.

Lubben said he hopes that when his viewers see his photographs, they actually think about his photographs and not necessarily think about what is represented. He said he wants the viewer to question his photographs.

"I don't think, 'oh, this is just a tree bark on a trail I'm passing,'" Lubben said. "Think about the ideas of chemical reactions and the geological process and all the time that has led this object to be here."

Lubben said that the most challenging side of his exhibition was creating different illusions that may confuse and intrigue the viewer.

He said that it was a difficult problem to solve because you don't really know where the edges are. Another challenge he faced was getting the quality to stay after taking picture after picture.

"Sometimes even the most banal object can spark a chain of ideas," Lubben said. "I can't help but think about the billions of years of cosmic explosions, dancing particles and chemical reactions that have led up to a massive building erected alongside a river bed or a bundle of chopped bamboo wrapped in twine outside a rundown cottage."

Lubben said he spent about seven to eight hours to finish each of his artwork. He came up with the term Photosomatic for his exhibition; the prefix "photo" represents the actual photo, and "somatic" representa the wall or body of the structure.

He has also done paintings, drawings and sculptures, but he said he has always been interested in viewing the work as an image at its last stage. He said he enjoys the way photographs interact with the environment.

Lubben said his artwork is structured to question the viewer.

"What, why and how is that environment?" asked Lubben. "This is important in restricting ones perception in an age of immediacy and re-contextualizing it with a contemplation of geological time."

Lubben's Photosomatic photo exhibition will be open until Sept. 11 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Dr. Maxine Merlino Gallery.

Rest^vRant serves up a little folk

The Texas band recently relocated to Long Beach.

By Jesus Ambrosio
Diversions Editor

The second annual Long Beach Folk Revival Fest will return to Long Beach on Sept. 27 at Rainbow Lagoon Park to entertain and illuminate the town with distinct folky sounds.

The festival will feature more than 25 folk-influenced musicians including Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, The Good Luck Thrift Store Outfit, Possessed By Paul James, Restavrant and many others, performing on three stages.

To celebrate the return of the folk fest, students will be able to watch Restavrant perform on campus in the USU South Plaza on Thursday at noon

Along with the performance, the Long Beach Folk Revival Festival will be offering students a $3 discount for the fest with their student ID during Restavrant's performance.

Restavrant, which is often stylized as Rest^vRant, showcases an eclectic mix of genres that range from punk, electrocana and folk.

The band is a project from Troy Murrah, a Texas native. He relocated to Long Beach a few months ago, and he said he is psyched to perform at the Long Beach Folk Revival Festival. With the help of his drummer, Tyler Whiteside, together the band creates energetic and danceable music.

The Daily 49er caught up with Rest^vRant to learn more about the bands unconventional and unique style of music.

Q Tell me a bit about your band, how did you guys get started?

Troy Murrah: I was a one-man band with a guitar, harmonica and [played] the drums with my feet. I would throw in a little banjo here and there. That is all I was planning on doing and then a friend of mine late one night was just playing after we went out. He started banging on what ever we had at the house. It sounded good so we were like 'alright' we can actually make good music using pots and cardboard boxes… That was the first time I had a drummer.

Q What is your drummer's name?

TM: [Although he is not the original member] I'm playing with the [person] who will be with me until I stop playing [who] is Tyler [Whiteside]. He has been playing with me for almost three years now.
I don't know if you have seen our drum kit, but half the drum set is license plates, a metal folding chair, an Cadillac car wheel and a drum sampler which puts out hip hop dance beats. It plays break beats with junk. It's really two separate worlds, but it sounds good.

Q Can you describe a bit of what your music sounds like?

TM: That's always odd… I would say we have a lot of punk rock influence, but we also listen to a lot of old country music and old blues. You can barely hear that though, it's dance music and punk rock music. A little bit of '50s rock n' roll, like Chuck Berry.

Q What kind of punk bands?

TM: For me I like the original ones, like the Sex Pistols, anything in the '70s that was starting in the U.K. I also listen to Black Flag, Dead Kennedy's, even The Misfits although to me that's on a different [era]. The biggest is definitely the Sex Pistols, but even The Clash is good too.

Q What is the music-writing process like?

TM: I'll do a lot of the lyric writing myself alone, usually late at night after a couple beers. After some thing weird has happened to me I'm like 'I got to write that down.' … I come up with a riff or bass line then I bring them in to Tyler to see what he wants to do percussion wise.
Usually any bad luck that has happened to me I just write it down. A lot of the lyrics are about hard times. They are hard times, but I got through them. Thank god I have a good sense of humor and am able to laugh at these things. I probably wouldn't be alive anymore… I'm still here, I've made it!

Q What a nice positive outlook in all the rubble. What can audiences expect to see live from your band since you use so many genres?



Photo Courtesy of Troy Murrah

Troy Murrah, left, and Tyler Whiteside unite to create musical fusion with their band Rest^vRant.

TM: Very rambunctious and high energy, coming from Texas everyone would dance around. That was my main goal in the beginning to get people moving and dancing… I like when mosh pits break out in the middle of our shows. I just try to create a lot of energy. Get you excited about something, which is better than standing there staring at us perform.

Q Is there anyone in particular you are excited to see at [Long Beach] Folk Revival Fest?

TM: Everyone really… We have been on the road with a couple of bands and seen some of them before. It's like getting together with old friends like Possessed By Paul James, we have run into him for the past five years. It's always good to see everyone.

Q Do you guys have everything new or upcoming that people can look forward too?

TM: We will be re-releasing our EP. We kind of just threw it out on iTunes, but that's going be rereleased with bonus tracks and a video… We will be releasing multiple EP's and title them episodes like star wars. The first which is the rerelease will be 'Episode One: Sawdust and Seahorns.'

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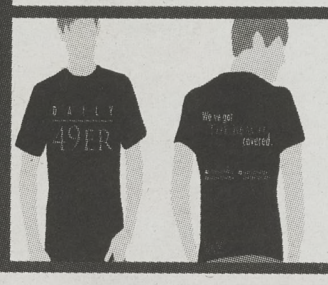
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VOLLEYBALL

The Beach rolls into second tournament

The 49ers defeated all four opponents at the Mizuno Tournament last weekend.

By Kelsey Cruz
Contributing Writer

The Long Beach State women's volleyball team will host the three-day Long Beach State/LMU Tournament this weekend at the Walter Pyramid.

The 49ers (5-2) look to bring the dominant performance from their tournament last weekend into this one.

They have been blocking an average 2.88 per set this season, an average which ranks 20th in the nation according to the Long Beach State Athletics website.

The 49ers will open up the tournament against Loyola Marymount (6-0) on Thursday at 7 p.m. They are 18-3 against the Lions and have won their last seven meetings together, but the Lions are off to a good start after defeating all six of their foes.

"This is the best team Loyola Marymount has had maybe in forever," head coach Brian Gimmillaro said. "I think they're very close in leading the nation in offense."

Senior Caitlin DeWitt leads LMU with 80 kills this season and a .419 hitting percentage. DeWitt was named tournament MVP of the Concourse Hotel at LAX Classic and Sacramento State Invitational, and also earned West Coast Conference Player of the Week honors for the first time in her career.

Although DeWitt is her team's leading scorer, the Lions altogether have a .364 hitting percentage.

"I know them well; they're well- coached," Gimmillaro said. "[They're a] very good team, [and] it'll be a very good match."

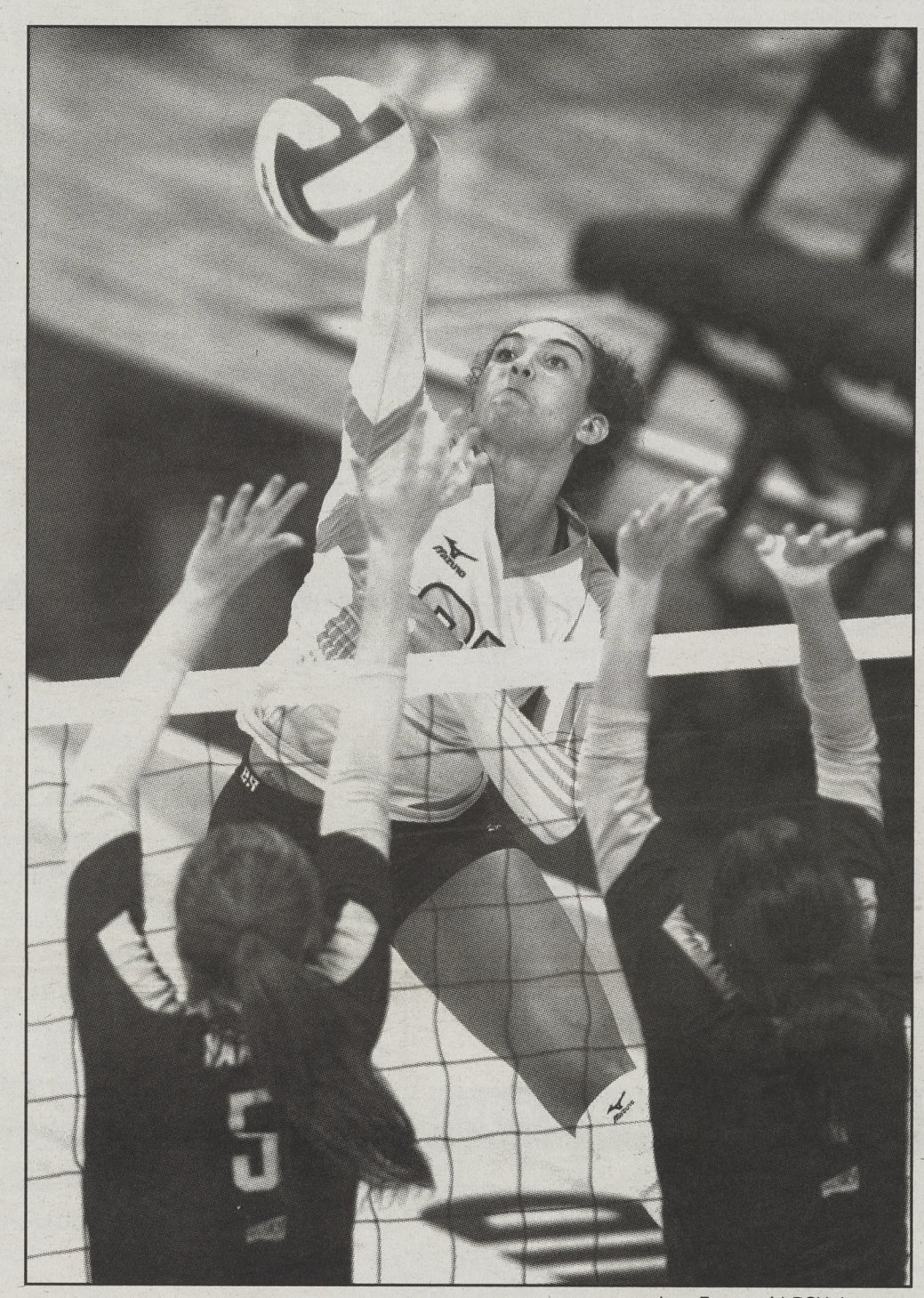
Northern Colorado just came off their first home victory of the season, defeating Florida A&M in a sweep. Junior Kendra Cunningham led the Bears with 11 kills and only had one blocked shot out of her 14 attempts.

The Bears' statistics aren't as impressive as the Lions since the entire team achieved a low .187 hitting percentage so far this season, and accumulated an average of 12.45 kills per set.

LBSU will face Northern Colorado (3-3) Friday at 7 p.m.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (3-4) is coming off from back-to-back losses in the UTPA Tournament and a 3-0 defeat against Rice University. Senior Brianna Brink leads the team with a team-high 90 kills and 12 blocks. Kate Klepetka and Halley King both lead the Islanders' defense with 102 digs a piece.

LBSU is led by junior Alex Reid, who leads the 49ers with 69 kills. Senior Bre Mackie chipped in 60 kills and a team-high 33 blocks. Senior Tyler Jackson earned Big West Defensive Player of the Week after reaching over 1,000 career digs last weekend, and has been a force in the back row for her team.



John Fajardo I LBSU Athletics

Alex Reid swinging on two Idaho blocks during the first day of the Mizuno Invitational.

The 49ers will begin the last day of the tournament against the Islanders at 12 p.m. and will close out the weekend with a match against Saint Mary's (4-3) at 8 p.m.

The Beach is 6-0 against the Gael's. Their leading scorer senior Samantha Tinsley has 87 kills and 65 digs, recording double-digit kills in six of their seven games this season.

Gimmillaro said he knows his team will face some tough competition this weekend, but he just wants to continue focusing on his own team.

"Well you have a game plan, but my emphasis is always on us," Gimmillaro said. "I do know and do respect and understand what the other team does well and attempts to do, but the better you are, the more you spend time on yourselves."

LBSU SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Sept. 11

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
LBSU/LMU Tournament
vs. Loyola Marymount, 7 p.m.
Walter Pyramid

Friday, Sept. 12

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
LBSU/LMU Tournament
vs. Northern Colorado, 7 p.m.
Walter Pyramid

Saturday, Sept. 13

CROSS COUNTRY
UC Riverside Invitational
Women's 5K, 8:45 a.m.
Men's 8K, 9:15 a.m.
Riverside, Calif.

MEN'S WATER POLO
at UCLA, 10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
LBSU/LMU Tournament
vs. Texas A&M – Corpus Christi, 12 p.m.
Walter Pyramid.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
at BYU, 6 p.m.
Provo, Utah

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
LBSU/LMU Tournament
vs. Saint Mary's, 8 p.m.
Walter Pyramid

Sunday, Sept. 14

MEN'S WATER POLO
Inland Empire Tournament
vs. Whittier, 10:40 a.m.
vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 3:40 p.m.
Claremont, Calif.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country hits the road to Riverside Invitational

Last week, the men's team took first place out of six teams during its first meet of the season.

By Oscar Terrones
Assistant Sports Editor

The Long Beach State cross country team looks to build off the first meet as it travels to Riverside for the UC Riverside Invitational.

The men's team is coming off of a first place finish in the Mark Covert Classic at Cal State Fullerton two weeks ago, while the women's side struggled in the same tournament, coming in sixth out of eight competing schools.

Injuries have been a major factor for the women's team. Head coach Andy Sythe said he thinks the infusion of so many new players and their inability to stay healthy have really derailed the team's progress.

"They have the talent," Sythe said. "They need time to develop. It's a transition. For freshmen, struggles are going to be common. We need to create some normalcy and routine. They haven't had that."

The women's side is also experiencing a change in the coaching staff. Tom Walsh, who was coach of the USC women's cross country team for 18 years, was hired as the new cross country and distance coach last week, Sythe said. He believes Walsh's expertise and achievements will help with LBSU's future success.

"He's still getting acquainted with the team," Sythe said. "It takes time, so after the hire we can begin to solidify our team. I've known Tom [for] a long time. He's a respected coach nationally and internationally."

The 49ers will travel to Riverside on Saturday for the UC Riverside Invitational. Despite a successful first meet, Sythe said that he thinks this will be a great measuring stick for his squad.

"We need to use the momentum from our last meet to further assess where we're at in our conditioning and training and preparation," Sythe said. "It'll give us our first honest view of our course. It's going to add some experience to our young women and men."

In addition to hosting UC Riverside, the 49ers will be competing against fellow Big West Conference opponents Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge, Hawaii and UC Santa Barbara.

Sythe said a big focus in the men's team training is getting more mileage. He mentioned that some of his runners run 80-100 miles per week, with the goal of being able to maximize their mileage to be ready to go for the championships in six weeks.

While the results have been better for the men's side than the women's so far, Sythe expressed confidence that his runners can be among the best in the country.

"This is a very talented group," Sythe said. "Even though we've started successful, I don't think we've scratched the surface of our capabilities. It's going to take longer for the women, but I believe they're capable of improving our conference."